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Applicant(s): Badley et al.

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Displacement Assays

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed July 22, 2002 for the above-captioned application, please make the following amendments:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (thrice amended) A method of detecting the presence of an analyte of interest in a sample, the method comprising the steps of:
providing a first surface having reversibly immobilised thereon a displaceable moiety, the displaceable moiety being immobilised on the first surface, said displaceable moiety having an

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